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## **Tax Advisory Commission Calls for Public Input as It Reviews City Real Property Tax System**

The 2017 Oahu Real Property Tax Advisory Commission is calling for the public's input as it conducts a comprehensive review of the City's real property tax system. The Commission must submit written recommendations to the City Council by December 1, 2017.

"The public's input is critical to this process if we are to fulfill our mission," said Commission Chair Dennis Oshiro. "I believe all property owners have a perspective on how we can improve the system and we are actively seeking their advice."

Real property taxes are the primary source of revenue for the City and County of Honolulu. The tax system features various classes of property, as well as numerous exemptions and credits, which must be reviewed periodically to ensure that the system is as equitable and efficient as possible, Oshiro added.

In 2011 the City Council created the Oahu Real Property Tax Advisory Commission to advise and assist the Council by conducting a biennial review of the City's real property tax system. The last report from the Commission was in November 2014.

In May the Council adopted Resolution 17-112 reestablishing the Commission and requiring that it issue a new report by December 1. The 2017 Commission met for the first time in July. Its next meeting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 14, 2017, in the City Council Committee Room on the second floor of Honolulu Hale.

The public is encouraged to submit oral and written testimony. Written testimony may be sent to Commission aide Todd Swisher via e-mail at [todd.swisher@honolulu.gov](mailto:todd.swisher@honolulu.gov).

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